



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

T. Walsh

Application No. 10/008,635

Filed: December 4, 2001

For: PARALLEL ALIGNMENT METHOD
AND APPARATUS FOR CHEMICAL
MECHANICAL POLISHING

Group Art Unit: 3723

Examiner: Nguyen, D.

Date: April 15, 2004

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(B)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Notice of Abandonment was issued in the above-identified application on April 7, 2004. The above-identified application became abandoned on February 9, 2004.

This Petition to withdraw Abandonment of this application is being filed within one year of the date of abandonment.

The Applicants in the above-identified application respectfully request that Abandonment of this application be withdrawn. The Applicants petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(b) in that a Request for Continued Examination, dated November 18, 2003, was timely filed in reply to the outstanding Advisory Action mailed on October 29, 2003, by being duly mailed, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(a).

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Attached are:

(1) a copy of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal sheet for the patent application referenced above (Attorney Docket No. LAM2P232A and Patent Application No. 10/008,635) showing the "Certificate of Mailing" and the date of mailing, November 18, 2003;

(2) a copy of the check 09925 in the amount of \$880.00, the fee for filing of the RCE; and

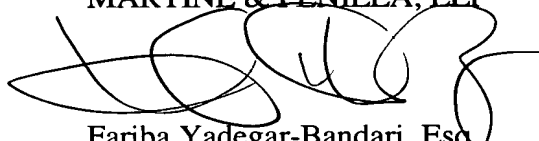
(3) a copy of the return receipt postcard, as received by the USPTO with a mailroom date stamp showing the receipt date of November 21, 2003.

The Applicants hereby submit that the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal sheet, check No. 09925 in the amount of \$880.00, and the return receipt postcard have been timely filed and received by the USPTO, as the USPTO mail room date stamp expressly establishes that the Response to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal sheet, check No. 09925 in the amount of \$880.00, and the return receipt postcard were received by the USPTO within the allowed statutory period.

The Applicants therefore respectfully request that Abandonment of this application be withdrawn and the correct date of November 18, 2003 be accorded to the filing of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal sheet, check No. 09925 in the amount of \$880.00, and the return receipt postcard.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the abandonment of this application is not due to any error by the Applicants. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that any fees related to this request be waived. However, if any fees are due in connection with filing of this Petition, the Commissioner is authorized to Charge any related fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805, (Order No. LAM2P232A). A duplicate of this petition is attached.

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